

A2 34. (Copied without change) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the valves are pinch valves.

35. (Copied without change) The apparatus of claim 33, further comprising a sensor coupled to the first fluid drainage receptacle to provide a signal indicative of an amount of fluid in the receptacle.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to indicate the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

Claims 32-35 are active in this case. Claims 1-31 and 36-44 are currently pending in U.S. application serial No. 09/369,113 filed August 5, 1999, to which this application claims priority and of which this application is a divisional.

No amendment is believed to go beyond the disclosure in the international application as originally filed.

Because applicants have not received a Written Opinion or the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report from the IPEA/US, applicants are submitting herewith the basic fee of \$100.00, trusting that the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report will be favorable and that all claims will satisfy the provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).

The application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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